

Code of conduct for Global Health Fellowships

Professionalism and Behavior:

- As a representative of my institution, I will hold myself to the highest standards of professionalism, respect and courtesy.
- I will always act in the best interests of my patients and hosts.
- I recognize that personal behaviors, clinical skills and competencies are culturally framed and resource-dependent. I will therefore refrain from passing judgment or expressing opinions that are insensitive to those contextual frameworks.
- I will minimize the burden of my presence on my host institution. Specifically, I will be mindful of their resources when I order tests or medications for patients; I will arrange for a translator when needed and not use nursing or other staff unless their services are offered; and I will ensure that I pay a stipend for meals and housing as needed.

Clinical Care:

- I will care for patients under the direct supervision of my faculty mentor or local preceptor within the limitations established by my level of training.
- I will not make any promises to patients or local clinicians regarding allocation of resources at the local institution or financial assistance from my institution.
- I will not make direct donations to a patient or other individual, as I understand that it would compromise the patient-clinician working relationship and would also set a precedent for future visiting clinicians. If I would like to contribute to a patient's care, I will do so in an anonymous manner through the host administration.

Social Media and Photographs:

- I will use discretion in taking photographs. I will seek permission (with full transparency of purpose) from individuals being photographed and from my host institution prior to taking any photographs.
- I will respect the privacy of my host community and individuals, and will not post patient or facility information on internet venues (blogs, Facebook, photo websites, etc).
- I understand that comments that are accessible to other viewers might be misinterpreted. I will therefore refrain from making comments about my host institution or patients on any social media (including Facebook and password-protected or unprotected blogs), and will limit my comments about the experience to direct e-mails to family and friends.

Personal Conduct:

- I will respect and comply with the rules, regulations, and cultural standards of both the US and my host country and institution, and I will attend to any legal problems that I encounter. My host institution is not responsible for providing legal assistance for any legal issues that are secondary to misconduct on my behalf.
- I will refrain from participating in political activity.
- I will dress in a culturally appropriate and professional manner.

Research and Teaching:

- I will consult with a faculty mentor if I am interested in conducting research or obtaining data for publication during my global health elective.
- I understand that any research done requires IRB approval.
- When providing educational presentations, I will be mindful of resource limitations and will incorporate teaching points that utilize local resources and local expertise.

Signature

Date